Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know who is in charge of the hospital?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Sub-Assistant Surgeon is in charge of the hospital.

NARAKKAL DISPENSARY—COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE DOCTOR

404. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the public or a section of the public of the Narakkal and the adjoining villages have complained to the Government against the conduct of the surgeon-in-charge of the Narakkal Dispensary;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative: (*i*) from how many villages there were such complaints; (*ii*) and what are the complaints or charges made against him;

(*c*) at the time when the Narakkal Dispensary was shifted to the present site, whether there was complaint from the public of Narakkal with regard to the distribution of beds among the doctors in the dispensary;

(*d*) if the answer is in the affirmative, was that due to the refusal of the surgeon-in-charge to place any of the beds under the charge of the other doctors working under him;

(*e*) whether there was a counter-complaint before the Government in this connection requesting that the subordinate doctors should not be given charge of beds;

(*f*) what was the decision of the Government in this matter;

(*g*) how many beds are there now in the dispensary;

(*h*) how many beds are there now under the charge of the doctor who is working under the surgeon-in-charge;

(*i*) is the surgeon in charge a native of Narakkal;

(*j*) whether the Government are aware that there are party strifes in Narakkal;

(*k*) from the several grievances till now received by the Government, do the Government really feel that these are difficulties for the people by the attitudes and conduct of the surgeon-in-charge;

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(*l*) is the appointment of the surgeon-in-charge permanent and when was he appointed?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (*i*) Three petitions have been received in which it is stated that the petitioners represent the villages of Narakkal, Nayarambalam, Edavanakkad, Elankunnapuzha and Kadamakkudi.

(*ii*) The charges now made against him are that there is not an equitable distribution of beds between the charge officer and his assistant and that the surgeon-in-charge has been interfering in party politics, with the result that a section of the public who exercise their independent views in Panchayat and Council elections are put to unnecessary inconvenience and worry as regards medical aid.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) There was a counter-petition to the Government.

(*f*) The Honorary Assistant Surgeon, Narakkal, was asked to allot 5 beds to each of the medical officers working under him.

(*g*) Twenty-one.

(*h*) Eight.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) There seems to be some sort of strife.

(*k*) It has to be presumed that a section of the people are aggrieved by the attitude and conduct of the surgeon-in-charge.

(*l*) Yes. He was appointed to be in charge of the Narakkal Dispensary with effect from 17th Thulam 1112.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know whether the C. M. O. went to the spot and made an inquiry?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I did. I found most of the complaints were exaggerated. It was true that the Assistant Surgeon was a bit indiscreet. I was able to bring about an amicable settlement. Everything is going on well there now.

405. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(*a*) when the present Medical Officer of the Narakkal Dispensary was first appointed as an honorary surgeon;

(*b*) whether any complaints have been received about him from the public of Narakkal; if so, what are the complaints;

(*c*) have any enquiries been made regarding the complaints; if so, are the Government satisfied that the grievances of the public are genuine;

(*d*) if no enquiry has so far been made, will the Government be pleased to look into the matter at an early date and redress the grievances of the public if they are genuine;

(*e*) will the Government also be pleased to state whether when an honorary surgeon is put in charge of a dispensary in his native place, his appointment is considered permanent until he is old enough to retire from active work ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) 10th Kanni 1109.

(*b*) Yes. Please see answer to question No. 404, sub-division (*b*) (2).

(*c*) Yes. Government are not satisfied that the grievances are all genuine.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*c*).

(*e*) Yes, provided Government do not find any reason to shift him from that position or to dispense with his services.

THIRUVILWAMALA PANCHAYAT—ALLOTMENT FOR ROADS—DISTRIBUTION OF

406. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഒയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) തിരുവില്വാമല പഞ്ചായത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ഏതെല്ലാം പഞ്ചായത്തുവഴികൾ വീതിക്കൂട്ടി നന്നാക്കി പണിയിക്കുന്നതിനു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽനിന്നു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

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